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US, ROK Marines charge forward in KITP

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CAMP RODRIGUEZ, Republic of Korea — Approximately 380 Marines and sailors from 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment (Reinforced), 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, are participating in the Korean Incremental Training Program Exercise 2011-1 here.

The overall purpose of KITP is to continue to build and strengthen the U.S. and ROK alliance that has existed for more than 50 years, according to Lt. Col. Ricardo Miagany, the battalion commander for 3rd Bn., 12th Marines.

To accomplish this, Marines and their ROK counterparts participate in a variety of bilateral training scenarios including Military Operations in Urban Terrain, direct-fire artillery exercises and small-arms and medium machine gun training.

Additionally, the unit plans to conduct community relations events and a

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Republic of Korea and U.S. Marines jog to the outskirts of town after completing a challenging obstacle course during a final evaluation of their knowledge of Military Operations in Urban Terrain during the the Korean Incremental Training Program Exercise 2011-1 at Camp Rodriguez, Republic of Korea, April 10. KITP 11 runs from April 2 to May 8 and is designed to strengthen the ROK-U.S. Alliance and operational readiness, while promoting stability throughout the Korean Peninsula. Photo by Cpl. Kentavist P. Brackin

Volunteers support displaced families from Honshu, Japan

Cpl. Aaron Hostutler

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CAMP FOSTER — Volunteers on Okinawa provided a meal to 26 families, temporarily displaced from mainland Japan by the March 11 natural disasters, April 13 at the Westpac Inn as part of an ongoing weekly effort to ease the burden of leaving their homes.

The families were unable to travel to the U.S. because each of the mothers were more than 32 weeks pregnant.

Julie Leppelmeier, a military spouse here, heard about the families and knew there were many who would volunteer to help these families feel welcome on Okinawa.

"You cannot compete with military wives when it comes to feeding people," said Leppelmeier. "It's something we know how to do."

The April 13 meal was typical of those provided by volunteers. It included various salads, fried and grilled chicken, corn, mixed vegetables, mashed potatoes, cookies, muffins, cake, pie and fresh fruit.

Leppelmeier coordinated hosting the dinner once a week for the displaced families. Most of the families are staying at the Westpac Inn

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Countries foster relations



President Benigno S. Aquino III, president of the Republic of the Philippines, shakes hands with Col. Stephen M. Neary, commander of Marines participating in Exercise Balikatan 2011 and of 4th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, at a live-fire demonstration at Fort Magsaysay, Philippines, April 13. Exercise Balikatan is an annual bilateral training exercise between U.S. forces and the Armed Forces of the Philippines. Photo by Lance Cpl. Anthony Ward Jr.

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Core Values

hallmarks of Corps, environment

Sandra Gibbons

Honor. Courage. Commitment. These words are the fabric of all Marines and known by all. However, not many Marines know that these same values are also the fabric of environmental concerns like Earth Day.

I admire Marines every day in my job as an environmental trainer. I was not surprised to find similarities between the Marine Corps and my chosen field of environmental preservation.

How is the Marine Corps similar to Earth Day? There are many shared ideals: passion, integrity, and compassion. However, the most basic of the similarities is courage. Marines practice courage daily: to make a change; a change for good; a change for a better world.

The Marine Corps understands and practices the courage to do right when it is easier to do wrong; the courage to strive to be the best when it is easier to be just good enough; courage to protect the weak no matter what. Courage is one of the strongest reasons I admire Marines. They do what others cannot.

Earth Day is also about courage. Courage is required to recycle when it is easier to throw bottles in the trash. Courage is required to bring a reusable bag for shopping rather than using a disposable plastic bag. Courage is required to realize our resources are finite, and we have one shared planet.

The second value, honor, may not be as visible or as easily understood as courage to many non-Marines. The reason for this is that it is on the inside. The value is a way of life. To honor oneself, the fellow Marines and the Corps is a choice every Marine makes every day. Holding oneself

accountable for his or her actions is evident in Marines' care of their uniforms. Marines require honor like the rest of society requires air.

Likewise, honor is an inherent part of Earth Day and the wider realm of the environment. We must hold ourselves accountable for our actions everyday even when there is no one holding us accountable. It is a matter of personal integrity. It is a matter of personal integrity to pick up trash and throw it away. It is a matter of integrity to not be excessive in one's use of electricity. It is a matter of integrity to use reusable bags rather than plastic bags. All of these actions

of personal integrity are done because of honor. Acting honorably in an environmental sense is the same as acting honorably as a Marine.

The last value, commitment, is not for the

faint of heart, as any Marine will testify. Commitment to always do right is the bedrock upon which the Marine Corps builds its foundation. Society counts on the Marine Corps' commitment. They know the Marines will always finish what they set out to do because of their commitment. Likewise, Earth Day requires commitment to the environmental cause.

Earth Day is not just one day a year. It is every moment of every day of every year. It too, is not for the faint of heart. Wouldn't you like to be known for your commitment, your courage and your honor to our shared planet, our home? I would. I do. I am. That is why I believe the environmental cause is a cause to believe in. Earth Day is a cause worthy of every Marine's Honor, Courage and Commitment.

Gibbons is an Environmental Trainer with Marine Corps Bases Japan.

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AROUND THE CORPS



Marines and sailors with the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit trek through the hills during a hike at Camp Pendleton, Calif., April 13. The unit hiked 14 1/2 miles to build mental and physical readiness and to prepare for possible movements during their upcoming deployment. Photo by Lance Cpl. Ryan Carpenter



A member of the All Marine Corps Basketball Team dunks the ball against the Army team at the Armed Forces Championship held at Paige Fieldhouse April 12. The Tournament brings together the best players in each service to compete for bragging rights, and the chance to compete in the World Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, July 12 through 25.

Photo by Cpl. Jenn Calaway



Educators from around Recruiting Station Los Angeles and Seattle areas obediently follow orders given by Marine Corps drill instructors to put their hands in the air. The educators are participating in a week-long workshop at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, to learn about what recruits encounter when they enlist in the Marine Corps. Photo by Gunnery Sgt. Nathaniel Garcia

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Hurts one, affects all Fellow Marines help prevent sexual assault

Lance Cpl. Jovane M. Henry
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CAMP FOSTER — Tasked with guarding the U.S. from enemies foreign and domestic, sexual assault is the last issue that should be on any service member's mind. However, it is a pressing issue within the military community that requires awareness and prevention.

In 2010, 2,617 service members reported being a victim of sexual assault, according to the Department of Defense Annual Report on Sexual Assault in the Military.

Approximately 90 percent of these cases involved alcohol in some way, said Sunny Street, the Marine Corps Base Camp Butler installation sexual assault response coordinator and the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response program manager.

Despite this staggering percentage, there are many methods to prevent becoming a victim of sexual assault, said Street, who aims to increase awareness this month in observance of Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Established in 2001, SAAM's mission is to show support to men and women who have been sexually assaulted, raise

awareness about sexual assault and inform victims about resources and programs in place for their use.

"Your fellow Marines are the first defense against sexual assaults," said Street. "I would encourage service members to look after one another and act immediately if they feel a friend is being assaulted. Limiting alcohol consumption is also vital to keeping yourself aware and safe."

The SAPR will sponsor multiple events throughout the month to shed light on the reality of sexual assault in the military community and provide awareness and coping techniques to service members.

Events include a 5K awareness run April 23, said Street. "There will also be a Sex Signals improvisational comedy presentation traveling to all camps from April 25 to 27."

Sexual assault and violence are preventable, but it will take military communities continuing to provide leadership awareness and victim counseling to overcome the issue, said Street.

Individuals who feel they may have been assaulted should call 645-HOPE to speak with a counselor.



Navy Capt. Brenda F. Bradley Davila, chaplain of Marine Corps Base Camp Butler, left, discusses the details of Passover with Cmdr. Joel D. Newman, chaplain of Marine Aircraft Group 39, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, I Marine Expeditionary Force, during his visit to lead the Passover Seder April 18.

Photos by Cpl. Brandon L. Saunders



During the Passover Seder, a sterling silver Seder plate is used to arrange six items which retell the story of the exodus from Egypt. Traditionally, this is the focus of the ritual meal which Cmdr. Joel D. Newman, chaplain of Marine Aircraft Group 39, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, I Marine Expeditionary Force, lead during a visit to Kadena Air Base April 18.

Rabbi visits Okinawa to celebrate Passover

Cpl. Brandon L. Saunders
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KADENA AIR BASE — The chaplain of Marine Aircraft Group 39, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, I Marine Expeditionary Force, arrived here April 15 to hold Passover services with the Jewish community as part of a tour around Marine Forces Pacific's area of operations.

Cmdr. Joel D. Newman is one of only six Rabbis in the U.S. Navy Chaplain Corps who provides Judaic services to military members and their families throughout the Department of the Navy.

"There are so few Rabbis in the Navy," said Newman. "There are only six of us, and many of the other Rabbis are tied to their obligations at their respective duty stations, so no one comes to the Pacific."

Part of the Marine Corps' dedication to morale, health and wellness is to encourage free religious practice. Marines and sailors have the freedom to practice what

they believe. However, due to the small number of religious personnel who provide these services, visits to specific locations must be arranged.

"(The Jewish community here) has to remain self-supportive in order to remain viable," said, Dr. Scott D. Goldberg, professor at University of Phoenix and lay leader for the Jewish community here.

There are very few Rabbis in the Navy, so it is important that Newman traveled here to lead services and the Passover Seder, he added.

In addition to deployments to Afghanistan and Iraq, Newman has traveled around the world 27 times to share fellowship with Marines and sailors.

The Rabbi's two-week tour will conclude with a visit to Guam where he will provide Shabbat services to military members aboard vessels. There he will lead a Passover Seder before returning to his home duty station of Camp Pendleton.

-DON'T BE SILENT-



In 2010, 2,617 service members reported being a victim of sexual assault, according to the Department of Defense Annual Report on Sexual Assault in the Military. During Sexual Assault Awareness Month, the military community works to show support to men and women who have been sexually assaulted, raise awareness about sexual assault and inform victims about resources and programs in place for their use. Photo illustration by Lance Cpl. Jovane M. Henry

BRIEFS**2011 ROAD TAX COLLECTION SCHEDULE**

Personnel are required to pay road tax on all vehicles not de-registered before April 1. 2011 Road Tax stickers must be displayed before June 1. Road taxes may be paid at the following locations and times:

- Camp Kinser Surfside: May 6, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Kadena Keystone Theater: May 9-13, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Camp Foster Theater: May 16-18, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Camp Courtney Theater: May 19-20, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Torii Station Soldiers Center: May 23, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Camp Hansen The Palms: May 24, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- Camp Schwab Camp Services: May 25, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

The following original documents are required: military registration, 2010 road tax receipt, vehicle title, Japanese Compulsory Insurance and American Insurance.

Road taxes must be paid in Japanese yen only.

For more information, contact the Joint Service Vehicle Registration Office at 645-7481/3963.

EARTH WEEK EVENTS

In celebration of 2011 Earth Week, there are multiple opportunities for Marines, civilians and others to volunteer or participate in various events.

April 22

- Lapsit Story Time Environmental Stories at the Foster Library, 645-6453;
- Earth Day Station Cleanup and barbecue on Marine Corps Air Station Futenma sponsored by Single Marine Program. Anybody can participate, 636-3409;

- Camp Schwab Beach Cleanup from 8-11:30 a.m., 625-2684;

April 27

- USO Earth Day Dinner and Movie starting at 5 p.m. at the MCAS Futenma Chow Hall in classroom 3;

April 29

- Recycle Fun Run from 6-8 a.m. Register on the first floor of building 494 at Camp Foster before the run on the day of the event, 645-5970;
- Matsuda-no-Hama Beach Joint Effort Cleanup from 8:30-11:30 a.m., 625-2544 or 625-2684.

CREDO MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT RETREAT

CREDO Okinawa is conducting a free marriage Enrichment Retreat at YYY Resort from May 13-15.

Couples will learn to communicate more effectively and work as a team to preserve and enhance love, commitment and friendship.

Registration is first come, first served via e-mail only at CREDO.mcbb.fct@usmc.mil.

For more information, call 645-3041.

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MCBJ observes Earth Day

Lance Cpl. Jovane M. Henry

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CAMP FOSTER— Since its inception in 1970, Earth Day, devoted to the promotion of environmental education, has evolved from a classroom presentation to a worldwide observance recognized and celebrated by more than 175 countries.

Every year, organizations and individuals around the world participate in a multitude of events and activities in honor of Earth Day, celebrated April 22, from beach clean-ups to informational seminars.

Marine Corps Bases Japan is doing its part to raise awareness about the environment throughout the month of April by hosting numerous events and activities for service members and their families to enjoy, according to Sandra Gibbons, an environmental trainer with the Facilities Engineering Environmental Office, Marine Corps Bases Japan.

"We wanted to make sure there were plenty of events available for military members and their families here on Okinawa, and I think we reached that goal," said Gibbons. "There's an event for everyone, whether you want to

LOOK FOR VARIOUS EVENTS ON YOUR CAMP FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL.

CONTACT YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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celebrate individually, with your family or in a large group."

From April 18 until the end of the month, all camps will feature a Power Hour event encouraging all residents on base to turn off all electric appliances during lunchtime to reduce energy consumption.

Schools on each camp have also volunteered their time and creativity to fuel the Paper Bag Project hosted by the Defense Commissary Agency commissaries on Foster, Courtney and Kinser, according to John Zaher, store director of the commissary here.

"We had youth from Marine Corps Community Service child-care centers decorate paper bags, and we will be displaying them in our commissaries all month before handing them out to patrons in an effort to reduce the amount of plastic used in our establishments," said Zaher. "It's a great project because we're showing children from a young age that

recycling can be fun."

Separately, camps will also offer events for their residents, such as a Recycle Fun Run on Foster, Natural Resources Walking Tour on Hansen, Schwab Beach Clean-Up.

It is imperative military members take the time to celebrate Earth Day even when they are stationed overseas, said Gibbons, who has worked as the environmental trainer here for more than two years.

"Even though April 22 is officially Earth Day, it really takes place everywhere, every day," said Gibbons. "You can contribute no matter where you are in the world. We have to remember we are all part of the environment, and we share it with all species. We are just one link in a chain, and it is our responsibility to do our part when it comes to preserving our planet."

For more information on Earth Day observance opportunities near you, contact your camp's environmental office.

Marines assist Golden Week decorating



Above: Marines based out of Camp Kinser hang fish kites over the Aja River for Golden Week in Urasoe City, Okinawa, April 16. Golden Week is a collection of four national holidays spanning seven days celebrated in Japan. Marines used their free time to assist the local city workers setting up the holiday decorations. **Right:** Lance Cpl. Victor Lobo, electronic maintenance technician with 3rd Maintenance Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 35, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, and Shimogi Matu, a Urasoe City resident and local volunteer, hang streamers shaped like carpe over the Aja River during a community relations project here April 16. Originally the Marine volunteers intended to clean up the Aja River, which flows through Uchima West Park, but due to inclement weather, they assisted hanging the colorful decorations. Photos by Lance Cpl. Kris Daberkoe



'It's All About Autism'

Proclamation promotes education, awareness

Lance Cpl. Jovane M. Henry

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CAMP FOSTER — With an estimated 1.5 million individuals in the U.S. struggling with an autism spectrum disorder, chances are everyone will meet a family affected by the disorder at some point in their lifetime.

In an effort to provide education and dialogue on autism, the Autism Society, the nation's leading grassroots autism organization, established National Autism Awareness Month in the 1970s.

Maj. Gen. Peter J. Talleri, commanding general of Marine Corps Base Camp Butler and deputy commander of Marine Corps Bases Japan, signed a proclamation in honor of Autism Awareness Month here last month.

The goal of the signing was to highlight the growing need for concern and awareness about autism, as well as to encourage service members to get involved with supporting recreational events, said Sarah Harrell, a training, education and outreach specialist with the Exceptional Family Member Program here.

"Autism is more common than juvenile diabetes, childhood cancer and AIDS combined," said Harrell. "We are looking to educate and change attitudes about autism by bringing positive awareness to the military community through programs, seminars and recreational events."

In the Okinawa school district alone, there are approximately 77 school-age youth diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder, according to Jill Kleinheinz, an autism specialist with the Department of Defense.

There are various programs and resources set in place on Okinawa to ensure families dealing with autism have the necessary information to handle the obstacles of day-to-day life, said Harrell.

The U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa Educational and Developmental Intervention Service provides support by identifying, evaluating and providing services to special-needs military dependent children on Okinawa. Their services include a team of occupational and physical therapists, speech pathologists, family service coordinators, clinical child psychologists and developmental pediatricians.

The Exceptional Family Member Program is another vital asset to military families dealing with autism, said Harrell.

"The EFMP is designed to help Marines ensure the continuum of care for family members with special needs," said Harrell. "The program's primary purpose is to provide coordination and support throughout the assignment process, ensuring the availability and accessibility of needed services for the family while meeting the mission of the Corps."

For Tamera Jones, who has been stationed here with her family for five years and is the mother of an autistic child, the services have proved invaluable.

"The EFMP has done an excellent job of supporting families and giving us a place to go to relax and be the majority for once," said Jones. "The staff has always treated me and my family as their own, and continues to do everything in their power to assist us with any concerns or questions that arise."

The EFMP will host several recreational events throughout the month and service member participation is encouraged, including a Movie on the Lawn Night on April 30 at Gunner's Field, said Harrell.

"Any and all participants or volunteers are welcome to these events, and also to any we may have in the future," she added.

For more information on Autism Awareness Month, call Harrell at 645-3895.

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short class at the Demilitarized Zone.

Another highlight of the exercise was the command visit by the ROK Marine commandant April 21.

ROK and U.S. Marines are slated to conduct a direct-fire artillery shoot April 22.

"This is the first time in a long time that (3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment) has conducted training with it's Korean counterparts," said Miagany. "We're starting with building on tactical level and small-unit training

between the individual ROK and U.S. Marines."

For Pfc. Carlos L. Torian and many of the junior Marines from Romeo Battery and 3rd Bn., 12th Marines, the exercise has presented another opportunity beyond firing weapons—the chance to share combat skills with the ROK Marines.

"They have us broken down into groups so that we can have one-on-one conversations with them," said Torian, a motor transportation driver with the battalion. "A lot of the (ROK Marines)

are very enthusiastic about training with us. They were kicking in doors harder and moving faster during buddy rushes than many of the Marines."

A routine exercise, KITP is consistently adjusted to account for on-going and future threats and involves a number of realistic scenarios beyond defeating a military attack, such as crisis management, amphibious operations and stability operations.

The exercise, which began April 2, is slated to complete May 8.



Air Force Staff Sgt. Jeff Rose, a supply technician with the 35th Logistics Readiness Squadron from Misawa Air Base, fills platters with food for himself and his wife Shoko who is holding their 2-week-old daughter Brianna at the Westpac Inn April 13. Photo by Cpl. Aaron Hostutler

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here, though some families are staying at the Stork's Nest on Camp Lester and at the Shogun Inn on Kadena Air Base.

"I sent out a list of dates to everyone I knew and said, 'What can you do?'" she said. "Within 24 hours every date was spoken for."

Leppelmeier found she almost had too many volunteers. There were so many volunteers, she doubled them up to alternate providing dinners on the different days.

"We had every kind of group: church groups, mom groups, coffee groups, running groups," she said.

The groups have provided meals large enough for leftovers for days afterward.

The families that traveled here from mainland had banded together to provide mutual support and used this meal together as an opportunity to strengthen their bonds with one another.

"Everyone gets together here that was sent here," said Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Ryan Donlon, the father of one of the families displaced from Yokosuka Naval Base on mainland Japan.

"All the pregnant families, we all kind of know each other now. It's a

good thing each week to have all this food and stuff and see everybody in a gathering. It's a weird situation anyway, but this is something nice in the middle of all of it."

"The last thing these families want to do after running around to their appointments all day is come back and cook a meal in their tiny kitchenettes," said Marisa Thresher, the Marine representative for Soldiers' Angels, a nonprofit organization that assists military service members, veterans and family members across the globe.

In addition to the food, volunteers donated baby clothes, blankets, diapers and toys to help support the families because some of the relocated women have given birth since their arrival.

Regardless of the organization the volunteers represent or how they helped, they all unified under the same goal – to support these families in need.

"No matter what label you throw on there, when it comes to supporting, everyone wants to pitch in," Thresher said.

The meals started as soon as the families arrived and are scheduled to continue until the last family departs.

Marines, AFP enhance marksmanship

U.S. Marines with Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, and members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines trained together in marksmanship techniques at Ranges 1 and 2 on Fort Magsaysay, in the Republic of the Philippines, April 7 during Exercise Balikatan 2011.

Marksmanship training is one of several bilateral training events occurring during Balikatan, especially at Fort Magsaysay.

"We're out here with the Philippine National Army, and we're sharing instruction on how to properly engage targets and battle sight zero their weapons," said Lance Cpl. Justen Williams, an armorer with HQ Bn., 3rd MarDiv.

U.S. Marines and AFP Marines and soldiers found middle ground while discussing marksmanship and sharing techniques, said Capt. Mark D. Simmons, the officer-in-charge of Ranges 1 and 2.

Using their M16A1 service rifles, AFP forces studied in the classroom and then headed to the range to test their skills.

"They have shown themselves to be excellent marksmen. I couldn't ask more out of them," Williams said.

During the training, AFP service members paired with U.S.

Marines for advice on fine tuning their individual techniques during each respective course of fire.

"The soldiers are happy to train with the U.S. Marines. It is very helpful for us," said 2nd Lt. Erwin Simanca, a platoon leader for Company A, 3rd Infantry Battalion, 7th Infantry Division, Philippine National Army.

Simanca was one of more than 20 AFP soldiers and Marines training alongside the U.S. Marines.

"They are very interested to

learn and eager to observe. They are doing well," said Simanca of his AFP soldiers' mentality toward the training. "This training is very essential to future missions and training we do together."

Lessons are learned by both the U.S. forces as well as the Philippine forces, he added. It aids in the ability of both nations to be on the same range.

Balikatan 2011 ended April 15 with a closing ceremony.



Lance Cpl. Roy Arnold, a military policeman with Military Police Company, Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, watches as Cpl. Rolden Dematera, a soldier with the Philippine National Army, fires his weapon during marksmanship training at Range 1 on Fort Magsaysay April 7 during Exercise Balikatan 2011. The soldiers went through a modified course of fire to test their marksmanship skills.

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AFP Marines perform marksmanship drills at Range 2 on Fort Magsaysay April 7 during Exercise Balikatan 2011.

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Sgt. Kevin C. Bowen, a military policeman with Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, discusses proper room clearing techniques with members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines April 8 during Exercise Balikatan 2011. The U.S. Marines traded knowledge with the AFP Marines about the advanced tactics of military operations in urban terrain.

US, AFP Marines practice MOUT

Marines with Military Police Company, Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, conducted military operations in urban terrain training with Marines from the Armed Forces of the Philippines at Fort Magsaysay, in the Republic of the Philippines, April 8 as part of Exercise Balikatan 2011.

"We're doing a little tactical entry, showing them how to make entry on buildings if there were enemies or hostiles in there," said Sgt. Joshua Metcalf, a military policeman with Headquarters Bn., 3rd MarDiv. attached to the Marine forces in the Philippines.

Metcalf was one of many Marines exchanging knowledge with AFP Marines.

"The Philippine Marines, last year for Balikatan, worked with the U.S. Marines, and (the U.S. Marines) did teach them some of our MOUT tactics. However, these tactics are constantly evolving," said 2nd Lt. Cliff Cardwell, a military police officer with Headquarters Bn., 3rd MarDiv. "Some of the breaching tools have changed."

One of the key points stressed during the training was communication.

"We are placing an emphasis on communication. For a lot of our MOUT, we don't utilize radio and (communication)," Cardwell said. "We focus on verbal commands."

Communicating when clearing a room is key to safely deterring enemy



AFP Marines maintain security after clearing a room during Exercise Balikatan 2011 on Fort Magsaysay April 8. Balikatan means "shoulder to shoulder," which represents the bilateral training occurring amongst U.S. and AFP forces.

actions, he added.

U.S. and AFP Marines also exchanged small-unit leadership techniques and built camaraderie.

"If you work with the same squad every day, you learn to feel each other out, and you can almost predict their movements," said Cardwell.

That unit cohesion aids in building small unit leadership and a stronger unit, he added.

The training built stronger bonds between the two militaries, said AFP Marine Staff Sgt. Ruben Dela Cruz,

1st platoon leader, 6th Marines Company, 6th Marine Division.

"The relationship between Philippine Marines and U.S. Marines is very good," he added.

This training helps build camaraderie and unit cohesion, and prepares the AFP Marines for future operations with the U.S. forces, said Dela Cruz.

The AFP and U.S. Marines have been honing their skills alongside one another since the commencement of Balikatan 2011.

NUTS & BOLTS OF LOGISTICS

Pfc. Wayne A. Hill, a mechanic assigned to Headquarters Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 37, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, conducts maintenance on the wheel hub of a humvee on Camp Kinser April 11.

Mechanics keep tactical vehicles in motion

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The mechanics with Headquarters Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 37, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, aboard Camp Kinser, are often the unsung heroes keeping the company's tactical vehicles on the road.

Mechanics play a crucial role in the operational readiness of III MEF by conducting the maintenance, service and checks necessary to keep tactical vehicles in full operational condition, so they are always ready for local use and deployments, said Staff Sgt. Eric J. Gorman, a motor transport chief with CLR-37.

"We are a vital part of maintaining ground movement. In the civilian world, mechanics keep vehicles on the road. In the military, we do that and accomplish the mission," Gorman said.

III MEF stands as a force in readiness supporting bilateral and multilateral training exercises throughout the Asia-Pacific region in countries including the Republic of the Philippines, the Kingdom of Thailand and Australia. The 3rd MLG provides many of the tactical vehicles used in these exercises.

Additionally, humanitarian assistance disaster relief missions may require tactical vehicles in order to transport cargo, such as food and water, to those in need, said Gorman. The



Pfc. Nicole M. Merrill, a mechanic assigned to Headquarters Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 37, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, refills the motor oil into the engine of a humvee on Camp Kinser April 12.

ability to deploy vehicles logistically strengthens the Marine Corps' ability to provide aid in the Asia-Pacific region.

The mechanics understand the necessity of their job and work countless hours to ensure vehicles are ready to perform, said Sgt. Lam Tran, a motor transport noncommissioned officer in charge with CLR-37.

"If vehicles are in need of repair, then we will work until they are repaired no matter how

late into the night," said Tran. "People tend to believe that (motor transportation) only consists of operators, but we're here working just as hard."

Due to the sometimes harsh, physical conditions of the terrain, vehicles are often susceptible to incidental damage. A large part of the mechanical work involved with the preventive maintenance, checks and service of tactical vehicles is to correct any discrepancies from recent

exercises and operations.

Repairs and vehicle maintenance include everything from replacing light bulbs to fully servicing the transmissions of humvees. A daily inspection is conducted on each vehicle before it is released from the motor pool.

"The logistical aspect of deployments and exercises is the lifeline for any operation," Gorman said. "We need the mechanics to keep that alive."

TRAINING realistic scenarios

ROK, US Marines push through urban training

Story and photos by Cpl. Kentavist P. Brackin

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More than 140 Republic of Korea and U.S. Marines demonstrated their ability to search for enemies with speed and intensity during Military Operations in Urban Terrain training at Republic of Korea's Camp Rodriguez April 10.



Lance Cpl. Allen J. Henricks, right, a radar technician with 12th Marine Regiment (Rein.), 3rd MarDiv., III MEF, leads a group of ROK Marines in clearing a room during MOUT training at Camp Rodriguez April 10.

ROK and U.S. Marines are participating in the Korean Incremental Training Program Exercise 2011-1 slated for April 2 through May 8. KITP 11 is designed to strengthen the ROK-U.S. alliance and operational readiness, while promoting stability throughout the Korean peninsula.

KITP is periodically adjusted for ongoing and future threats beyond just defeating military attacks. It includes crisis management, amphibious maneuvers and stability operations.

The purpose of the training, according to Sgt. A. J. McIntyre, a security chief with 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment (Reinforced), 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, and the lead instructor for MOUT training, was "to give Marines a good example of clearing houses, and what it takes to do so while building camaraderie between U.S. and ROK Marines."

McIntyre and his fellow instructor showed students how to breach a room, clear danger areas



Lance Cpl. David M. Schnall, right, a fire direction control man with 12th Marine Regiment (Rein.), 3rd MarDiv., III MEF, and ROK Marine Lance Cpl. Ki Young Lee, left, check a window for lurking enemies while providing cover during MOUT training at Camp Rodriguez April 10.

and effectively move groups of 15 or more Marines through a building to clear it.

"We really wanted to emphasize small unit training and how Marines should handle themselves in a difficult situation," said McIntyre.

Marines from both sides were broken into squad-sized groups, and instructors went over the

procedures of breaching and clearing houses.

According to ROK Marine Cpl. Lee Jong Min, it was his and many others' first time training with U.S. Marines.

"I really enjoyed the urban combat training, and the fact that I got to do it with U.S. Marines," said Lee Jong Min. "We have done similar training in boot camp, but it was different because there were no enemies, and we did not have blanks to fire."

Marines were given blank rounds and a 40-minute time limit to clear four buildings with four to five live enemy combatants per building as part of a final evaluation of their prowess in MOUT training.

ROK and U.S. Marines were able to overcome the challenging course using the various skills they had learned, while relying on each other.

"I applaud the other instructors who helped with this training," said McIntyre. "They were real good with explaining what needed to happen and knew how to pitch what they were trying to explain to the Marines who knew very little English, which helped them catch on quickly."

Lee Jong Min said he was very happy with the training overall.

"It was difficult to communicate with other Marines who didn't speak Korean, but I was happy because we were still able to accomplish the mission," said Lee Jong Min. "I hope we get to train with U.S. Marines again in the future."



Lance Cpl. Allen J. Henricks, a radar technician with 12th Marine Regiment (Reinforced), 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, searches for enemy personnel before moving to clear a house during Military Operation in Urban Terrain training April 10. MOUT training is one of the many aspects of the KITP Exercise 2011-1 April 2 through May 8 at Camp Rodriguez, Republic of Korea. KITP 11 is designed to strengthen the ROK-U.S. alliance and operational readiness while promoting stability throughout the Korean peninsula.

MOVING MADE EASY

TMO assists before, during, after transitions

TIPS TO REMEMBER

- If going on temporary assigned duty service for more than 180 days, contact TMO to place belongings in storage.
- You must attend the TMO information class before setting up TMO. Classes are held daily at 8 a.m. at the Camp Foster TMO office.
- Schedule your desired pick-up date at least a month in advance to ensure your timing is correct. During the summer months, TMO is extremely busy.

Lance Cpl. Jovane M. Henry

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Whether coming or going, moving belongings from one duty station to another is an experience every Marine eventually must encounter.

Luckily, the Traffic Management Office is on hand to assist service members and their families with the process.

With offices located on Camps Courtney, Kinser, Hansen and Foster, TMO is ready, willing and able to ship and receive household goods on and off island.

Last fiscal year, Marine



Marines and sailors are required to meet with an outbound counselor to review their entitlements and authorized items and schedule their Traffic Management Office pick-up date.

Photo illustration by Lance Cpl. Jovane M. Henry

Corps Base Camp Butler TMO successfully assisted more than 6,500 outbound and 3,000 inbound Marines with their household goods shipments.

"Our main mission is to provide prompt, quality customer service to Marines and sailors," said Staff Sgt. Misty Ford, operations chief for Camp Foster TMO. "Moving can be a stressful time, especially since there are additional aspects to consider when relocating to or from overseas, so we do our best to make the process as smooth as possible."

In addition to counseling prospective movers, booking shipments and implementing quality control for damage claims, TMO also holds daily classes at 8 a.m. to impart valuable information to outbound movers, regardless of rank.

The information provided in the class familiarizes service members with their entitlements, authorizations, restrictions and offers tips for shipping belongings, Ford said.

It generally takes about 10 business days to properly set up a TMO pick-up, not including the peak months of April-September, when giving notice at least a month in advance is recommended, she added.

"During the summer months, we tend to become extremely congested, so it's important for Marines and sailors to know they can come in early to ensure they get their desired pick-up date," said Sgt. Jason Moore, noncommissioned officer-in-charge of Camp Foster TMO.

"Regardless of what time of year service members receive their orders, it's never too soon to set up their TMO."

TMO offers several other services in addition to inbound and outbound household goods and unaccompanied baggage transfers.

"With our temporary assigned duty service, we can place belongings in storage for Marines who are on TAD for more than 180 days," Moore said. "For deployment storage, service members must show their unit orders. If the orders are unit funded, a carrier will come retrieve their belongings and take them to one of our warehouses located on Camps Kinser, Hansen or Foster. If not on unit-funded orders, the service member must pack and drop off their belongings themselves."

Representatives from TMO also attend Smooth Move, Transition Assistance Program and retirement briefs to not only inform, but also to dispel misconceptions about the use and process of TMO, according to Moore.

"One of the most common misconceptions is that we can ship items last minute," Moore said. "This is simply not true. Not only does it erase your chances of scheduling your desired date for shipment, it can mean having to issue a power of attorney to someone else to pack your things for you. It is best to take the time to properly schedule your pick-up in advance."

TMO office hours are Mon.-Fri., 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. For more information on procedures, requirements and authorizations, contact your nearest TMO office.



Contracted movers pack belongings at base housing on Camp Foster April 8 while Sgt. Jason Moore, noncommissioned officer-in-charge of Camp Foster Traffic Management Office, looks on. Last year, Foster TMO successfully assisted more than 6,500 outbound Marines with their household goods shipments. Photo by Lance Cpl. Mark W. Stroud

In Theaters Now

APRIL 22 - APRIL 28**FOSTER**

TODAY Arthur (PG13), 6p.m.; Sucker Punch (PG13), 9 p.m.
SATURDAY Gnomeo & Juliet (G), noon and 3 p.m.; Sucker Punch (PG13), 6 p.m.; Sanctum (PG13), 9 p.m.
SUNDAY Rio (G), 1, 4 and 7 p.m.
MONDAY Sucker Punch (PG13), 7 p.m.
TUESDAY I Am Number Four (PG13), 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY I Am Number Four (PG13), 7 p.m.
THURSDAY Rio (G), 7 p.m.

HANSEN

TODAY I Am Number Four (PG13), 6 p.m.; The Green Hornet (PG13), 9 p.m.
SATURDAY I Am Number Four (PG13), 6 p.m.; The Green Hornet (PG13), 9 p.m.
SUNDAY I Am Number Four (PG13), 6 p.m.; The Rite (PG13), 5:30 p.m.
MONDAY Paul (R), 7 p.m.
TUESDAY Paul (R), 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY I Am Number Four (PG13), 7 p.m.
THURSDAY Arthur (PG13), 7 p.m.

COURTNEY

TODAY Rio (G), 5:30 and 8:30 p.m.
SATURDAY Justin Bieber: Never Say Never (G), 2 p.m.; Just Go With It (PG13), 6 p.m.
SUNDAY Justin Bieber: Never Say Never (G), 2 p.m.; Just Go With It (PG13), 6 p.m.
MONDAY The Fighter (R), 7 p.m.
TUESDAY Closed
WEDNESDAY Arthur (PG13), 7 p.m.
THURSDAY Closed

SCHWAB

TODAY Just Go With It (PG13), 7 p.m.
SATURDAY Country Strong (PG13), 5 p.m.
SUNDAY True Grit (PG13), 5 p.m.
MONDAY-THURSDAY Closed

FUTENMA

TODAY Just Go With It (PG), 6:30 p.m.
SATURDAY Sanctum (PG13), 4 p.m.; Paul (R), 7 p.m.
SUNDAY Justin Bieber: Never Say Never (G), 4 p.m.; Just Go With It (PG13), 7 p.m.
MONDAY Hall Pass (R), 6:30 p.m.
TUESDAY Closed
WEDNESDAY Closed
THURSDAY Closed

KINSER

TODAY Just Go With It (PG), 6:30 p.m.
SATURDAY Sanctum (PG13), 4 p.m.; Paul (R), 7 p.m.
SUNDAY Justin Bieber: Never Say Never (G), 4 p.m.; Just Go With It (PG13), 7 p.m.
MONDAY Hall Pass (R), 6:30 p.m.
TUESDAY Closed
WEDNESDAY Closed
THURSDAY Closed

KADENA

TODAY Gnomeo & Juliet (G), 6 p.m.; I Am Number Four (PG13), 9 p.m.
SATURDAY Gnomeo & Juliet (G), noon and 3 p.m.; Arthur (PG13), 6 and 9 p.m.
SUNDAY Gnomeo & Juliet (G), 1 p.m.; I Am Number Four (PG13), 4 p.m.; Arthur (PG13), 7 p.m.
MONDAY Rio (G), 7 p.m.
TUESDAY Rio (G), 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY Gnomeo & Juliet (G), 7 p.m.
THURSDAY I Am Number Four (PG13), 7 p.m.

THEATER DIRECTORY

CAMP FOSTER 645-3465

KADENA AIR BASE 634-1869
(USO NIGHT) 632-8781MCAS FUTENMA 636-3890
(USO NIGHT) 636-2113

CAMP COURTNEY 622-9616

CAMP HANSEN 623-4564
(USO NIGHT) 623-5011

CAMP KINSER 637-2177

CAMP SCHWAB 625-2333
(USO NIGHT) 625-3834

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 Call in advance to confirm show times. For a complete listing, visit www.shopmyexchange.com.



SINGLE MARINE PROGRAM EVENTS

For more information, or to sign up, contact the Single Marine Program at 645-3681.

SMP BOWLING PARTY AND TOURNAMENT - APRIL 22

• The SMP Bowling Party and Tournament will be at the Camp Foster Bowling Center from 6-9 p.m. This event is open to single and unaccompanied Marines and sailors island wide. Free pizza for the first 100 individuals who show up.

OKINAWA WORLD (SOUTHERN CAMPS) - APRIL 30

• The SMP is offering a daylong adventure to Okinawa World. With a total length of 3.2 miles, Gyokusendo Cave is the longest of the many caves on southern Okinawa and Japan's second longest. Featuring spectacular stalactites and stalagmites, 2,789 feet of the cave is open to the public. Sign up deadline is April 28. Bus will leave Marine Corps Air Station Futenma Semper Fit Gym at 11 a.m. and Camp Kinser Semper Fit Gym at 11:20 a.m.

BUSHIDO CHALLENGE - MAY 20

• This is open to teams of four, of which at least one team member must be a single or unaccompanied Marine or sailor. Competitions include a physical fitness test, combat fitness test, tire flip, dead hang, shot put, aqua jug and other events. Register at all Marine Corps Community Services Fitness Centers by May 13. After May 13, register only at the SMP office.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

• **Tengan Castle Family Night:** Volunteer to assist at family night every Thursday from 5-9 p.m. at the Camp Courtney Tengan Castle.

• **Kinser Elementary School Reading Program:** Volunteer at the Kinser Elementary School Reading Program on Camp Kinser each Friday from 8:45-11 a.m. except on non-school days and half days. Volunteers will work under the direction of the classroom teacher and instruct students in reading, writing and arithmetic activities.

Mention of any company in this notice does not constitute endorsement by the Marine Corps.

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

CAMP FOSTER | 645-7486

- *Catholic:* Mon-Fri, 11:45 a.m.; Sat, 5 p.m.; Sun, 10 a.m.
- *Christian Science:* Sun, 11 a.m., Bldg. 442
- *Eastern Orthodox:* Divine Liturgy, Sun, 9:30 a.m.; Vespers, Sat, 5 p.m.
- *Gospel:* Sun, 11:30 a.m.; 2nd, 3rd Sun, Children's Church, 11 a.m.
- *Jewish:* (Informal) 1st, 3rd Fri, 6:30 p.m.
- *Latter Day Saints:* Mon, 6:30 p.m.
- *Muslim:* Prayer, Fri, 12:45 p.m.
- *Protestant:* Sun, 8:30 a.m.
- *Seventh Day Adventist:* Sat, 9:30 a.m., at Torii Station 644-5701/644-4281

CAMP SCHWAB | 622-9350

- *Catholic:* Sun, 5:30 p.m.
- *Protestant:* Sun, 4 p.m.

CAMP LESTER | 643-7248

- *Catholic:* Sun, 8 a.m.
- *Non-Denominational:* Sun, 9 a.m., Hospital Chapel; Sun, 10 a.m., Lester Chapel

CAMP HANSEN | 622-9350

- *Catholic:* Sun, 10 a.m., East Chapel
- *Latter Day Saints:* Wed, 6:30 p.m., Library
- *Protestant:* Sun, 11 a.m., West Chapel

CAMP McTUREOUS | 622-9350

- *Gospel:* Sun, 12:30 p.m.

CAMP KINSER | 637-1148

- *Catholic:* Sun, noon
- *Protestant:* Sun, 9:30 a.m.

CAMP COURTNEY | 622-9350

- *Catholic:* Sun, 8 a.m., Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, 11:30 a.m.
- *Protestant:* Sun, 10:45 a.m.

KADENA AIR BASE | 634-1288

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- *Catholic:* Sun, 8:30 a.m., Mass, Chapel 1; Sun, 11:45 a.m., Mass, Chapel 1; Sun, 4 p.m., Mass, Chapel 1; Daily Mass, Mon-Fri, 11:30 a.m., Chapel 1; Reconciliation, Sun, 3:15 p.m., Chapel 1
- *Contemporary:* Sun, 10 a.m., Chapel 1
- *Gospel:* Sun, 10:30 a.m., Chapel 3
- *Protestant Bible Institute:* Tues, 6 p.m., Chapel 1
- *Traditional:* Sun, 9:30 a.m., Chapel 2
- *Wiccan/Pagan:* Sat, 2 p.m., Bldg. 856

MCAS FUTENMA | 636-3058

- *Catholic:* Sun, noon
- *Contemporary:* Fri, 7 p.m.; Sun, 9 a.m.

FOR UPCOMING SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR ALL MARINE CORPS BASE CHAPELS
 VISIT: WWW.MARINES.MIL/UNIT/MCBJAPAN/PAGES/AROUNDMCBJ/CHAPEL.ASPX

Japanese phrase of the week:

“Itte kemas” (pronounced eat-e ke-mas)
 This greeting is used for short-term departures meaning, “I’m leaving,” with the implication that you will return shortly.

**April 11 - April 15****Rifle Range**

Sgt. Jason E. McKinney,
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, 339

Sgt. Anthony S. Wertish,
 Combat Logistics Regiment 35, 340

Pistol Range
 no detail



Above: Nicholas Laney, 12, passes the ball to a teammate after driving the lane and drawing in defenders at the field house on Camp Foster April 14. **Left:** Dashawn Johnson, 19, drives the lane during a semi-final game at the field house April 15. The games came as part of the weeklong basketball camp's final tournament.

Camp offers youth chance to improve game

**Story and photos by
Lance Cpl. Mark W. Stroud**

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

National College Athletic Association basketball coaches journeyed across the Pacific Ocean to participate in a weeklong basketball camp for the island's youth that culminated in a tournament at the Foster Fieldhouse April 14 and 15.

The Okinawa Basketball Association hosted the camp that focused on teaching basic skills to the 142 participants, ages 9-19, and provided them with an opportunity to showcase their talents. The college coaches were brought from the U.S. to give young players here chances

that previously only existed in the continental U.S.

"For where we are located, we had to bring the coaches here. To get 142 students to the (U.S.) is not going to happen. To bring six coaches here is more economical," said Jerry Laney, coordinator and treasurer, Okinawa Basketball Association. "This is an opportunity that was never there before."

"This is a camp about fundamentals and exposure," said Shawn Walker, head coach for the men's basketball team of Elizabeth City State University, Elizabeth City, N.C., and here for the camp. "We got young kids here that obviously enjoy playing, and the more exposed they are to basketball, the

more interested they are going to be in working on their game."

The camp allowed participants, separated into three age groups, to focus on the fundamentals.

The youth and teens stayed at the Westpac Inn for the week to ensure all could fully participate in the camp by practicing and training under the tutelage of college coaches for eight hours each day, according to Laney.

The camp offered the opportunity for inexperienced players to establish a basic basketball skill set upon which to build, as well as a chance for more experienced players to refine their game.

"There are a lot of kids here that have never played basketball

structurally before," said Walker.

"The ones that take it seriously will be able to take these lessons back to the (U.S.) and work on the fundamentals they learned here."

The culminating tournament was the practical application portion of the camp during which the players put all they learned to use.

The tournament was broken up into age and gender brackets and ended with the April 15 banquet, during which the tournament winners were recognized. Outstanding players and those exhibiting good sportsmanship were also acknowledged. The level of competition amongst the players was high, according to Laney.

"The level that they are playing at now is no longer the youth level or the high school level. They are trying to show college coaches what they have because someone is actually looking at them," said Laney.

The participants expressed a desire to return next year, and coordinators are already planning for an increase in participation, said Laney.

The players showed great enthusiasm about the camp, and the coordinators expect the number of players to rise from 142 to more than 200 for the next camp, according to Laney.

Many of the visiting coaches echoed this sentiment and expressed interest in continuing to build upon the basketball talent on Okinawa.

"This camp is something that the kids and the entire community will look forward to yearly," said Walker. "This is one of the most rewarding experiences I've had in my coaching career, and I look forward to coming back."



Kianna McWaite, left, 10, and Anthony Underwood, right, 10, fight for a rebound during the semi-final game of the tournament at the field house on Camp Foster April 15. The two-day tournament concluded the week-long basketball camp.